

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 1, 2013 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Supt. Larry Parrish.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR March 18, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Alvin McFadden requested four parking spaces designated handicapped, for Sundays only, be designated on Montgomery Street across the street from the Methodist Church. Larry Parrish said he would get with Mr. McFadden and look at the spaces in question and determine if it is feasible.

The Tivoli request for street closure for the afternoon/evening of April 11th was presented to the Board for approval. The request is for the area from the alley, north of the Tivoli to Franklin Street, on Washington from approximately 5pm to midnight.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the closure as requested, the motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Cynthia Hyde presented a request from Chief Foutch to purchase a 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 4x4 at a cost of \$26,094.25 from Bloomington Ford with an additional equipment package in the amount of \$14,967.25. In addition to this purchase, Foutch said they received an offer from the Owen County Sheriff's Dept. for \$6,500, which was \$200.00 higher than the trade-in value for the 2006 Dodge Charger.

Dean Bruce motioned to approve the purchase of the new vehicle, along with the sale of the 2006 Dodge Charger to the Owen County Sheriff's Department. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Sheila Reeves updated the Board on an issue concerning a couple of mobile homes that were recently placed on property located in Prospect Park in the flood zone. She said they did receive permits to place the trailers from DNR, however, the requirement is that they be elevated to approximately 7 feet above ground. Also, the age and condition of the trailers appear to be outside the standards required by Town ordinance. After lengthy discussion about how to resolve this at the least additional expense to the owners, Richard Lorenz stated that there are too many unknowns. He also stated that the fact that the mobile home had to be elevated to such a level, that it created an impasse to moving forward with issuing any permits. The Board also agreed that purchasing this land might be a solution so the area could be turned into green space and avoid this type of situation again. Mr. Lorenz agreed to take contact information from the owners and look into the matter further.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish updated the Board on department operations and maintenance issues. He also requested that the vacant position be filled with someone who has experience with equipment, and possibly, bucket truck experience as well.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the sewer department operations.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

Cynthia Hyde reported that she is still working on the appointments.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz submitted an ordinance that amends Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 77: Parking Schedules, Schedule II: No Parking Zones. The Board agreed to table it to review further. Next he presented an ordinance to amend the Spencer Police Reserve by-laws.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-3, An Ordinance to Amend Title III: Administration, Chapter 32: Town Departments, Section 32.12: Police Reserves. The motion was seconded and passed 3-0.

Next Richard Lorenz presented updated Reserve Officer By-Laws. These were reviewed by Chief Foutch and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

In regards to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Project, Mr. Lorenz suggested that Larry Parrish along with Bob Bandy to do post-demolition inspections. The Clerk-Treasurer reminded the Board that the deadline for submitting invoices for this project is June 30th, and that was fast approaching. Mr. Lorenz said he would be in touch with Kenna Consulting tomorrow, and would map out a timeline for completion. He also said he would discuss getting another extension.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.
Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

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Cynthia Hyde, President	Jon Stantz, Vice-President	Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer